

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Notice of Allowance, the examiner's proposed amendments to paragraph [02] of the specification as originally filed are being substituted as disclosed herein.

The undersigned has learned that U.S. Application No. 10/094,408 has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,923,044.

The undersigned has learned that U.S. Application No. 10/094,411 should be pending, instead of abandoned. A petition to withdraw from a holding of abandonment was mailed July 29, 2004, and appears to be pending in the petitions branch.

**CONCLUSION**

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cures a formal defect in the specification and does not touch the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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